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JIDDA AND DAMASCUS FOR THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP (NIXON, PRESIDENT), MILL/EG

SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL HELICOPTER GIFT TO SADAT

1. ALI AMIN, WRITING IN THIS MORNING'S AL AHAM, REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT NIXON PRESENTED HIS PERSONAL HELICOPTER TO PRESIDENT SADAT DURING THE FORMER'S RECENT VISIT HERE. AMIN DESCRIBED THE HELICOPTER AS THE ONE USED BY THE TWO PRESIDENTS ON THE TRIP FROM ALEXANDRIA TO CAIRO AND AS IT IS CAPABLE OF FLYING FOUR TIMES THE SPEED PRESIDENT SADAT'S PRESENT (SOVIET BUILT) HELICOPTER. HE ADDS THAT THE HELICOPTER HAS A BEDROOM, STUDY AND "CONFERENCE HALL" AND IS THE MOST UP-TO-DATE VERSION MANUFACTURED, (ASSUME AMIN GOT HIS INFORMATION FROM SADAT OR A MEMBER OF LATTER'S ENTOURAGE.)

2. WE ARE INFORMED BY THE PRESIDENT'S HELICOPTER PILOT THAT GROUP OF SIX US MILITARY TRAINING PERSONNEL WILL BE LEFT BEHIND TO TRAIN THE EGYPTIANS IN THE USE OF THE AIRCRAFT.

3. WITH THE NEWS OF THE HELICOPTER GIFT NOW OUT, WE MAY EXPECT CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC ATTENTION BEING
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DIRECTED TO THE HELICOPTER GIFT. THE PRESENCE OF THE SIX-

MAN MILITARY TRAINING GROUP IS ALSO CERTAIN TO BE
NOTED BEFORE LONG AND COMMENTED UPON BY THE US AND
EGYPTIAN PRESS. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHAT PUBLIC LINE
SHOULD BE TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH QUERIES WHICH WE
MUST ANTICIPATE ABOUT THE HELICOPTER GIFT.
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